

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Large Entity)

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**RETAINER CLIP FOR RIBBON CABLE CONNECTORS**

and invented by:

**William H. Miller**

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☒ **Continuation** ☐ **Divisional** ☐ **Continuation-in-part (CIP)** of prior application No.: 10/453,320

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Enclosed are:

### Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 13 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
  - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal                      Number of Sheets 1
- b. ☐ Informal                      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)*                      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney                      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under  
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449                      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☒ Certificate of Mailing
- ☐ First Class    ☒ Express Mail *(Specify Label No.):* EV 227174045 US

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17. ☐ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below):*

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

18. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

***Warning***

***An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.***

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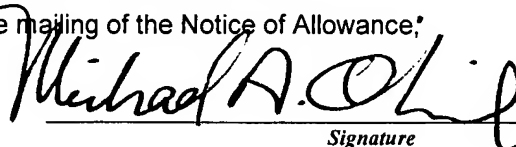
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**Fee Calculation and Transmittal**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	26	- 20 =	6	x \$18.00	\$108.00
Indep. Claims	4	- 3 =	1	x \$86.00	\$86.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$770.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose) _____					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$964.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$964.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **50-0856** as described below.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

  
Signature

Dated: April 13, 2004

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation application based on prior application:

Inventors: William H. Miller

Serial No.: 10/453,320

Filing Date: June 3, 2003

Group No.: 2833

Examiner: Renee S. Luebke

For: RETAINER CLIP FOR RIBBON CABLE CONNECTORS

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Commissioner for Patents

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.63**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, of pending prior application Serial No. 10/453,320 filed on June 3, 2003.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest signed prior application and Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The inventor of the invention being claimed in this application is William H. Miller.

The prior application has been assigned to Digital Recorders, Inc.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 10/453,320 filed June 3, 2003, and further that all statements made herein are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Before calculating the filing fee, please enter the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

The filing fee is calculated as below:

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	26 - 20	3	\$18.00	\$18.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3	1	\$86.00	\$86.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claim	0	0	\$260.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>				<b>\$964.00</b>

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$964.00 in payment of the filing fee. If any additional fees are owed, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0856.

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment.

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Michael A. O'Neil. The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

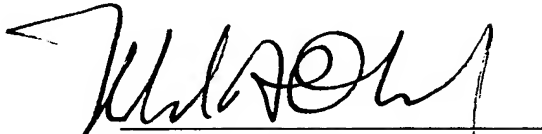
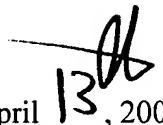
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